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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A roller element which is arranged to be rotatably mounted in a media-advancing device with its axis extending transversely of the direction of media advance such that the roller element engages a media at one or more locations along the direction of said axis, wherein, as the media advances, said one or more locations of engagement move(s) continuously in the direction of said axis throughout at least a substantial part of each rotation of the roller element.

4. (Amended) A roller element according to claim 2, having a surface with at least one raised portion in the form of a continuous band around the